

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT
OF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of New York at Buffalo, New York. The appointment will be for an eight-year period. The duties of the position will include:

1. Conduct most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases;
2. Trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases;
3. Conduct various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the Judges of the District Court; and
4. Trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

The basic jurisdiction of the United States Magistrates Judge is specified in Title 28 U.S.C. 636. To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

1. Be a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of the State of New York;
2. Have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years, or have equivalent acceptable experience;
3. Be competent to perform all the duties of the office;
4. Be less than 70 years old; and
5. Not be related to a judge of the District Court.

A Merit Selection Panel comprised of Robert P. Fine, Esq., John V. Elmore, Esq., Hon. John J. LaFalce, Michael R. McGee, Esq., Mr. Anthony H. Gioia, Muriel A. Howard, Ph.D., and Anne L. Saldanha, M.D. will review all applications and recommend to the judges of the District Court, in confidence, up to five persons whom it considers best qualified. The Court will make the appointment following an FBI investigation and an IRS file check on the appointee. All qualified candidates will be given consideration regardless of gender, race or national origin. The salary for the position is \$151,984 per annum.

Application forms and further information may be obtained from the Clerk of the U.S. District Court at Buffalo and Rochester and on our web site at www.nywd.uscourts.gov. Applications must be submitted only by potential nominees personally and must be addressed to:

Robert P. Fine, Esq.
Chairman, Merit Selection Panel
c/o Clerk of the United States District Court
304 United States Courthouse
68 Court Street
Buffalo, New York 14202
No later than COB July 28, 2006